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Client Ref: 1999-352-2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

GLENN L. MILLHAUSER, DARREN A. THOMPSON, KIMBERLEY A. BOLIN, D. JOE ANDERSON, and JOSEPH C. MCNULTY

Application No.: **09/851,586**

Filed: **05/08/2001**

For: **METHODS AND COMPOUNDS FOR MODULATING MELANOCORTIN RECEPTOR ACTIVITY**

Examiner: Carolyn L. Smith

Art Unit: 1631

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) Petition for 1 month extension of time; nad
- 2) 8 pages of formal drawings;

Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.